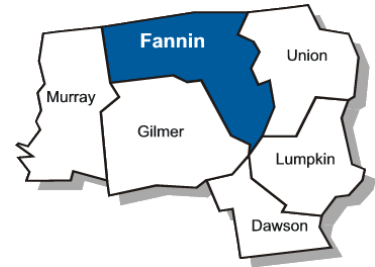




AREA LABOR PROFILE

Fannin

County



Labor Force Activity - 2008

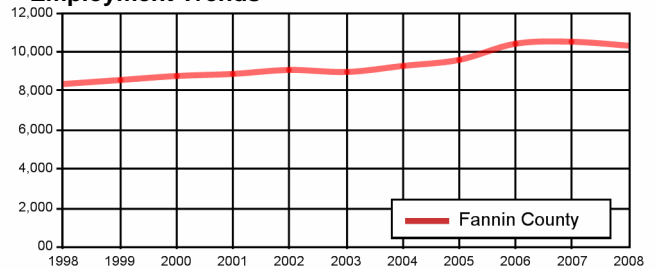
2008 ANNUAL AVERAGES

	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate
Fannin	10,970	10,284	686	6.3%
Dawson	11,222	10,561	661	5.9%
Gilmer	14,122	13,299	823	5.8%
Lumpkin	13,399	12,467	932	7.0%
Murray	20,569	19,048	1,521	7.4%
Union	11,171	10,522	649	5.8%
Fannin Area	81,453	76,181	5,272	6.5%
Georgia	4,847,650	4,545,675	301,975	6.2%
United States	154,287,000	145,362,000	8,924,000	5.8%
Cherokee, NC	10,046	9,103	943	9.4%
Polk, TN	7,070	6,520	560	7.9%

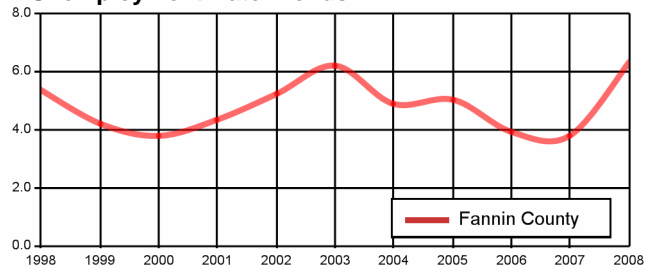
Note: This series reflects the latest information available. Labor Force includes residents of the county who are employed or actively seeking employment.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor; U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

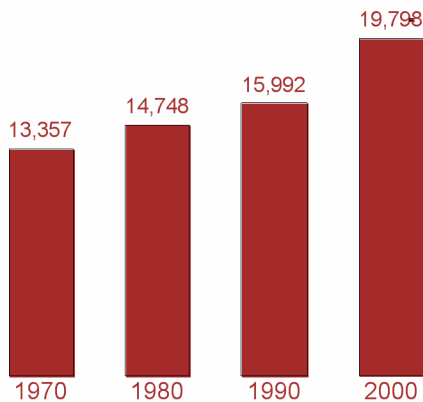
Employment Trends



Unemployment Rate Trends



Population Estimates



Population

	2000 Census	2008 Rank	2008 Estimate	% Change 2000-2008	2015 Projected*	% Change 2000-2015
Fannin	19,798	80	22,618	14.2	27,512	39.0
City of Blue Ridge	1,210					
Fannin Area	174,412		204,111	17.0	251,073	44.0
Georgia	8,186,453		9,685,744	18.3	10,813,573	32.1
United States	281,421,906		304,059,724	8.0	322,365,787	14.5
Cherokee, NC	24,298		26,568	9.3	30,007	23.5
Polk, TN	16,050		15,671	-2.4	16,478	2.7

Source: Population Division, U.S. Census Bureau, *Governor's Office of Planning and Budget.

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Industry Mix - 2008

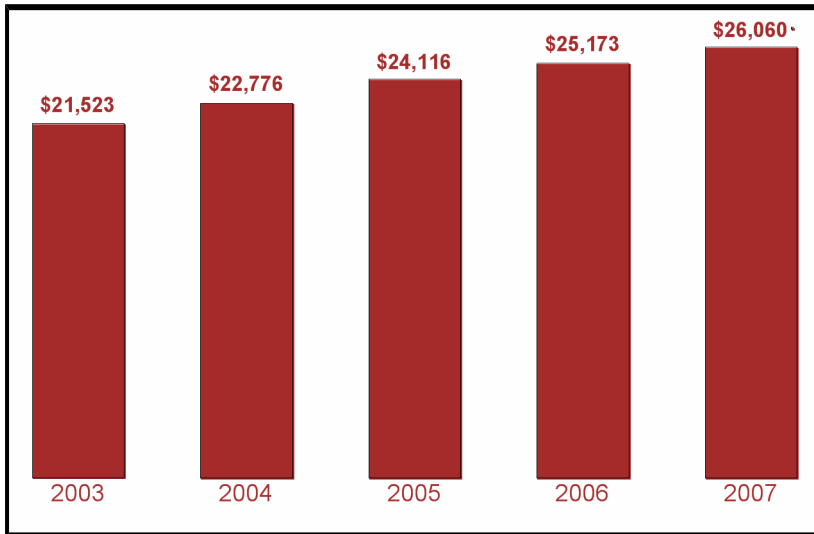
INDUSTRY	Fannin				Fannin Area			
	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	EMPLOYMENT NUMBER	PERCENT	WEEKLY WAGE
Goods-Producing	129	634	11.7	471	869	12,373	27.1	620
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting	1	*	*	*	31	383	0.8	529
Mining, Quarrying, and Oil and Gas Extraction	0	0	0.0	0	9	166	0.4	803
Construction	98	299	5.5	542	583	2,122	4.6	637
Manufacturing	30	255	4.7	434	246	9,701	21.2	617
Beverage and Tobacco Product	3	14	0.3	496	8	72	0.2	456
Textile Product Mills	3	*	*	*	50	4,377	9.6	649
Apparel	0	*	*	*	2	*	*	*
Wood Product	5	33	0.6	404	24	353	0.8	466
Printing and Related Support Activities	2	*	*	*	22	390	0.9	522
Chemical	2	*	*	*	9	115	0.3	928
Plastics and Rubber Products	2	*	*	*	6	146	0.3	703
Nonmetallic Mineral Product	3	*	*	*	15	88	0.2	703
Fabricated Metal Product	1	*	*	*	27	638	1.4	695
Transportation Equipment	3	14	0.3	426	12	199	0.4	639
Furniture and Related Product	3	12	0.2	494	23	89	0.2	644
Miscellaneous	3	*	*	*	16	43	0.1	1,002
Paper	0	0	0.0	0	1	*	*	*
Computer and Electronic Product	0	0	0.0	0	3	*	*	*
Petroleum and Coal Products	0	0	0.0	0	3	10	0.0	748
Food	0	0	0.0	0	6	*	*	*
Textile Mills	0	0	0.0	0	6	920	2.0	587
Machinery	0	0	0.0	0	13	308	0.7	930
Service-Providing	417	3,788	69.8	510	2,533	24,259	53.1	504
Utilities	1	*	*	*	7	90	0.2	1,082
Wholesale Trade	21	194	3.6	630	145	1,283	2.8	687
Retail Trade	104	981	18.1	406	655	7,179	15.7	432
Transportation and Warehousing	15	117	2.2	448	87	1,164	2.5	568
Information	8	93	1.7	579	37	454	1.0	835
Finance and Insurance	26	199	3.7	679	148	1,284	2.8	813
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	37	91	1.7	374	184	371	0.8	486
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	44	168	3.1	618	269	933	2.0	659
Management of Companies and Enterprises	0	0	0.0	0	14	584	1.3	1,058
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	16	114	2.1	592	139	1,466	3.2	418
Educational Services	3	111	2.0	379	26	394	0.9	397
Health Care and Social Assistance	55	898	16.5	703	283	3,503	7.7	666
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	6	*	*	*	32	300	0.7	367
Accommodation and Food Services	59	614	11.3	248	311	4,415	9.7	240
Other Services (except Public Administration)	22	99	1.8	410	196	839	1.8	434
Unclassified - industry not assigned	21	8	0.1	511	119	42	0.1	545
Total - Private Sector	567	4,430	81.6	491	3,521	36,674	80.2	543
Total - Government	35	996	18.4	712	204	9,043	19.8	618
Federal Government	9	48	0.9	811	40	389	0.9	898
State Government	14	70	1.3	769	88	1,521	3.3	700
Local Government	12	878	16.2	555	76	7,133	15.6	585
ALL INDUSTRIES	602	5,427	100.0	519	3,725	45,718	100.0	558
ALL INDUSTRIES - Georgia					276,063	4,029,673		819

Note: *Denotes confidential data relating to individual employers and cannot be released. These data use the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) categories. Average weekly wage is derived by dividing gross payroll dollars paid to all employees - both hourly and salaried - by the average number of employees who had earnings; average earnings are then divided by the number of weeks in a reporting period to obtain weekly figures. Figures in other columns may not sum accurately due to rounding since all figures represent the Annual 2008.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor. These data represent jobs that are covered by unemployment insurance laws.

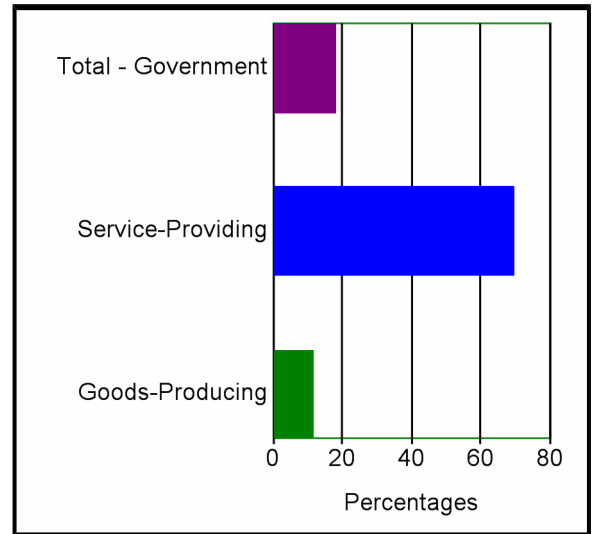
Fannin Per Capita Income

Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis



Fannin Industry Mix 2008

Source: See Industry Mix data on Page 2.



Top Employers - 2008

FIVE LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Fannin

Fannin Reginal Hospital
Heritage Healthcare of Blue Ridge
Ingles Markets Inc
Mercier Orchards Inc
The Home Depot

Note: Represents employment covered by unemployment insurance excluding all government agencies except correctional institutions, state and local hospitals, state colleges and universities. Data shown for the Third Quarter of 2008. Employers are listed alphabetically by area, not by the number of employees.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor

TEN LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Fannin Area

Employer	COUNTY
Agora Inc	Dawson
Wal-Mart	Dawson
Wal-Mart	Gilmer
Goldkist	Gilmer
North GA College & State University	Lumpkin
Mohawk Carpet Distribution Lp	Murray
Shaw Industries Group Inc	Murray
Beaulieu Group Llc	Murray
United Community Bank	Union
Union County Nursing Home	Union

Commuting Patterns

EMPLOYED RESIDENTS OF

Fannin

COUNTY WHERE EMPLOYED	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Fannin, GA	4,837	59.8
Gilmer, GA	876	10.8
Polk, TN	382	4.7
Union, GA	283	3.5
Cherokee, GA	254	3.1
Fulton, GA	193	2.4
Pickens, GA	185	2.3
Cherokee, NC	137	1.7
Other	942	11.6
Total Residents:	8,089	100.0

PERSONS WORKING IN

Fannin

COUNTY OF RESIDENCE	NUMBER	PERCENT OF TOTAL
Fannin, GA	4,837	75.8
Polk, TN	419	6.6
Union, GA	332	5.2
Gilmer, GA	255	4.0
Cherokee, NC	211	3.3
Towns, GA	52	0.8
Cherokee, GA	33	0.5
Pickens, GA	26	0.4
Other	215	3.4
Total Residents:	6,380	100.0

Note: Other category represents employment from U.S. counties only.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2000 County-To-County Worker Flow Files.

Education of the Labor Force

Fannin Area

	PERCENT OF TOTAL	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE				
		18-24	25-34	35-44	45-64	65+
Some High School	31.4%	35.3%	24.6%	26.5%	28.6%	47.0%
High School Grad/GED	34.0%	30.2%	38.8%	38.6%	34.3%	25.7%
Some College	23.4%	30.9%	24.8%	23.4%	23.6%	15.8%
College Grad 4 Yr	7.1%	3.0%	8.5%	7.9%	7.3%	7.0%
Post Grad Studies	4.1%	0.6%	3.3%	3.7%	6.1%	4.5%
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Note: Totals are based on the portion of the labor force between ages 18 - 65+. Some College category represents the percentage total of workers with either Some College with no degree or an Associate degree.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2000 Decennial Census.

High School Graduates - 2008

	PUBLIC SCHOOLS	PRIVATE SCHOOLS	TOTAL
Dawson	183	0	183
Fannin	204	0	204
Gilmer	228	0	228
Lumpkin	183	0	183
Murray	379	0	379
Union	154	0	154
Fannin Area	1,331	0	1,331



Note: Public schools include city as well as county schools systems. Some private schools data were not reported.

Source: Office of Student Achievement; Georgia Independent School Association.

Colleges and Universities

Fannin Area

Dawson

Southern Catholic College	http://www.southerncatholic.org/
Dawson Campus (Satellite campus of Lanier Technical College)	www.laniertech.edu
Southern Catholic College	www.southerncatholic.org

Fannin

Epworth Campus (Satellite campus of Appalachian Technical College)	www.appalachiantech.edu
Appalachian Technical College (Technical college servicing area)	www.appalachiantech.edu

Lumpkin

North Georgia College & State University	www.ngcsu.edu
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Union

Blairsville Campus (Satellite campus of North Georgia Technical College)	www.northgatech.edu
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Note: The colleges and universities listed include public and private institutions. This list is updated periodically as information becomes available.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

Technical College Graduates - 2008

PROGRAMS	TOTAL GRADUATES			PERCENT CHANGE	
	2006	2007	2008	2006-2007	2007-2008
Accounting Technology/Technician and Bookkeeping	47	33	95	-29.8	187.9
Administrative Assistant and Secretarial Science, General	24	24	23	0.0	-4.2
Autobody/Collision and Repair Technology/Technician	13	13	2	0.0	-84.6
Automobile/Automotive Mechanics Technology/Technician	24	23	14	-4.2	-39.1
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician	1	1	5	0.0	400.0
Computer Installation and Repair Technology/Technician	4	5	4	25.0	-20.0
Cosmetology/Cosmetologist, General	32	28	13	-12.5	-53.6
Data Entry/Microcomputer Applications, General	23	27	13	17.4	-51.9
Data Processing and Data Processing Technology/Technician	5	4	3	-20.0	-25.0
Drafting and Design Technology/Technician, General	6	4	2	-33.3	-50.0
Early Childhood Education and Teaching	57	2	39	-96.5	1850.0
Electrical/Electronics Equipment Installation and Repair, General	6	1	2	-83.3	100.0
Emergency Medical Technology/Technician (EMT Paramedic)	22	26	14	18.2	-46.2
Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse Training	23	41	12	78.3	-70.7
Machine Shop Technology/Assistant	7	39	2	457.1	-94.9
Medical Office Assistant/Specialist	20	11	2	-45.0	-81.8
Medical/Clinical Assistant	8	17	10	112.5	-41.2
Nurse/Nursing Assistant/Aide and Patient Care Assistant	1	1	2	0.0	100.0
Operations Management and Supervision	1	2	8	100.0	300.0
Phlebotomy/Phlebotomist	23	17	17	-26.1	0.0

Definition: All graduates except those listed as technical certificates are diploma and degree graduates. Diploma and degree programs are one to two years in length. Technical certificates are less than a year in length.

Source: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System

Note - The data shown is from Appalachian Technical College (Pickens Co.).

Occupational Profile for Residents of Fannin County

	Fannin		Fannin Area	
	NUMBER	PERCENT	NUMBER	PERCENT
Total Civilian Labor Force	8,683	100.0	64,546	100.0
Management, Business and Financial Workers	723	8.3	5,515	8.5
Science, Engineering and Computer Professionals	79	0.9	1,052	1.6
Healthcare Practitioner Professionals	208	2.4	1,344	2.1
Other Professional Workers	660	7.6	4,370	6.8
Technicians	178	2.1	1,339	2.1
Sales Workers	912	10.5	6,539	10.1
Administrative Support Workers	1,099	12.7	9,110	14.1
Construction and Extractive Craft Workers	829	9.6	5,087	7.9
Installation, Maintenance and Repair Craft Workers	653	7.5	4,593	7.1
Production Operative Workers	1,253	14.4	10,533	16.3
Transportation and Material Moving Operative Workers	534	6.2	4,431	6.9
Laborers and Helpers	460	5.3	3,559	5.5
Protective Service Workers	190	2.2	1,034	1.6
Service Workers, except Protective	860	9.9	5,818	9.0
Unemployed, No Civilian Work Experience Since 1995	45	0.5	222	0.3

Source: U.S. Census Bureau - 2000 Decennial Census.(EEO Data Tools)

Active Applicants - Georgia Department of Labor

	TOTAL	Prof., Tech. and Managerial	Clerical and Sales	Service	Agr., Forestry and Fishing	Processing	Machine Trades	Bench- Work	Structural Work	Misc.
Fannin	1,061	60	90	69	09	12	37	48	64	672
Dawson	985	87	53	24	01	8	22	6	46	738
Gilmer	1,213	67	70	46	03	21	45	7	65	889
Lumpkin	1,251	92	64	44	03	9	43	12	59	925
Murray	2,210	78	203	60	04	54	192	51	91	1,477
Union	900	45	91	61	09	2	11	16	60	605
Total Area	7,620	429	571	304	29	106	350	140	385	5,306

Note: For current applicant data available for a specific occupation, contact the nearest Georgia Department of Labor Career Center.

Source: Georgia Department of Labor (active applicants as of May 2009).

Georgia Department of Labor Location(s)

Career Center(s)

1048 Appalachian Hwy
Blue Ridge GA 30513

Phone: (706) 632 - 2033 **Fax:** (706) 632 - 7316

Rehabilitation Center(s)

1615 Hickory Street
Suite 106

Dalton, GA 30720-8518

Phone: (706) 272 - 2303

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